sitting? I cannot compete with you. It is not possible. My voice has to be heard.

(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: Nothing is being recorded. What you say is not being recorded. Are you interested in just speaking? Are you not interested in getting what you say recorded? If you are interested, please cooperate. One after the other, you will get the opportunity. Please cooperate. I will call out your name. Then you stand up and then you speak.

(*Interruptions*)

[*Translation*]

SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI: Mr. Speaker, Sir, has he only got the right to speak? Don't I have that right? (*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: You too have that right. You have been given time to speak.

SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI: Shri Ram Vilas Paswan won't say anything about it. Shri V.P. Singh also won't say anything about it. (*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: Please try to understand. What can I do, if you don't understand it? I was telling them, not you. Please sit down.

(*Interruptions*)

[*English*]

MR. SPEAKER: Being the lady Member, I allowed you for the first time. Why are you interrupting unnecessarily? I allowed you for the first time. You are still casting aspersions. It is very unfair and unjust. Please do understand. I am trying to help you.

(*Interruptions*)

[*Translation*]

SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN (Rosera): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I did not want to speak, but she mentioned my name and said that I should have said something on this issue. I would just like to say in one line.

MR. SPEAKER: She hasn't said anything. She just observed that Shri Ram Vilasji is quite active in the House.

SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN: Mr. Speaker, Sir, through you, I would like to make only one request to the Union Government, and it is that they should come out with a white paper.

[*English*]

MR. SPEAKER: You are justifying her statement. I have called Shri Saifuddin Choudhury to speak. You are forcing your statement.

[*Translation*]

SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN: No, Mr. Speaker, Sir, or else, I should be given some time later on to say one line.

MR. SPAKER: Okay, I will give you time later on.

12.05 hrs.

RE: INVESTIGATION INTO THE ASSASSINATION OF FORMER PRIME MINISTER, SHRI RAJIV GANDHI

[*English*]

SHIR SAIFUDDIN CHOUDHURY (Katwa). Sir, I wish to draw the attention of the Government and the House to a very disturbing news that the video-film that was taken on the fateful night of May, 21 at Sriperumbudur in which the former Prime

Minister Shri Rajiv Gandhi was brutally killed has been erased out. The four–minutes duration of that film immediately preceding the event and after the event has been erased out. That has been given prominent publicity by a national newspaper by name *The Pioneer*. In the past, in this House, several times we had brought certain matters to the notice of the Government and of the House that strange things were happening in connection with this investigation. The suspects were killed in mysterious circumstances. Evidences are being destroyed. Now, this latest news has come. I want – to know from the Government whether their attention has already been drawn to this news or not. If so, what is their reaction? If this is true, then what action they are going to take on those who are responsible for the destruction of vital evidence in this gruesome murder. Through you, I want some immediate response from the Government.

SHRI SRIKANTA JENA (Cuttack): On this issue which was raised by Shri Saifuddin Choudhury, I would like to say that at least the Government should respond how this evidence, this video cassette camera have been destroyed. How has this evidence been destroyed? Regarding all these things, the Government must respond.

12.07 hrs.

[MR. DEPUTY – SPEAKER *in the Chair*]

SHRI SAIFUDDIN CHOUDHURY: Without that, truth will never come out. The truth must come out.

SHRI SRIKANTA JENA: We do not know what is happening on this issue Why are the Congress (I) Members silent on this issue? (*Interruptions*)

SHRI CHANDRA JEET YADAV (Azamyarh): Sir, the Hon. Member Shri Saifuddin Choudhury has drawn the attention of the House to only the aspect of the investigation of the very shocking assassination of our late Prime Minister. A lot of things are coming out in the newspapers which are being widely discussed that certain attempts are being made to see that the proper investigation is not completed and the culprits may not be brought to book.

SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL (Chandigarh): It is not correct. We are doing it properly.

SHRI CHANDRA JEET YADAV: This reminds us of John F. Kennedy's assassination and the investigation as also the finishing up of the evidence in that case. Therefore, it is important that the Government should come out with a statement and assure this House – not only this House but also the entire people of this country that the proper investigation is going on and the attempts which are being made to finish the evidence, that will not be allowed. This Government must come out with a statement.

[*Translation*]

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI (Gandhi Nagar): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, this issue has been raised twice in the House after the tragedy that took place in May and naturally the hon. Members expressed their concern over it. They expressed their apprehensions over the news items published in various newspapers and magazines. However, I am surprised that despite such a terrible tragedy which claimed the lift of a former Prime Minister, the Government did not consider it obligatory on its part to inform. The House of the action takes so far. Because a reference has been made to John. F. Kennedy's assassination, I believe that the hon. Members are aware that 'Warren Commission' was constituted to probe into the matter. It presented a voluminous report, but now after so many years, a film has been made which brought into light certain glaring facts, which disproves the findings of the 'Warren Commission'. Those who have seen the film say that the film disproves the findings in a very effective way. Whenever and wherever such incidents take place, they are surrounded by my mystery and doubts. Therefore, the Government should not leave the matter to

the newspapers and journals to pursue. It should come to the House on its own and inform it of the progress made so for, the findings over which it feels satisfied and those aspects, about which it is unsatisfied and also the aspects into which the Government is making further inquiries. If the Government makes such a detailed statement in the House and takes it into confidence, it would not only be in the interest of the Government, but by doing so, it will be fulfilling its responsibility, as well.

SHRI RABI RAY (Kendrapada): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, the Government should have come out with a *Suo Motu* statement in this regard, before Shri Advani or Shri Saifuddin Choudhury raised this issue. Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, Shri Kumaramangalam is present in the House and I would like to support whatever Shri Choudhury and Shri Advani have said by adding here that Shri Rajiv Gandhi was one of the important leaders of the country who held important positions including that of the Prime Minister and the leader of the Opposition. While the House has apprehensions about the manner in which evidence is being destroyed, the Government seems to be least worried about it. A reference was made to Kennedy in the House. I would like to say in this regard that World leaders, whether they be Presidents or Prime Ministers, even in the case of the assassinated Swedish Prime Minister, we read in the newspapers that either the evidence is being destroyed or they are not being brought to light. The Government should have been cautions, keeping these things in mind.

But, Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, it seems that the Government did not take precaution. I would like Shri Kumaramangalam to own the responsibility, and give an assurance to the House at least by Friday that the probe into the Rajive Gandhi assassination case is still on. The Government should also inform the House of the steps proposed to be taken to rectify the mistakes and plug the loopholes. The Government should take both the House and the country into confidence.

SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN (Rosera): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, the Verma Commission is probing the assassination of Shri Rajiv Gandhi. However, the question is not that of probe but the vital question is that new facts are coming to light which give rise to suspicions. When important people are killed and particularly when a Prime Minister is assassinated, it gives rise to many doubts. It is Government's responsibility to clear the suspicions arising in the minds of common people. It should not be that people may start believing that the commission appointed to conduct the enquiry is actually working to hide the facts. I urge the Government to place the facts before us and inform us about the progress made so far. We are not interested in going into the day to day working. However, the Government should clear the doubts generally arising in the minds of the hon. Members. We demand that a statement should be made by the Government in this regard.

[*English*]

SHRI M.R. KADAMBUR JANARTHANAN (Tirunelveli): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, it is a very bad incident which had happened in Tamil Nadu and we all Indians should bow our heads in shame. Since the hon. Member has recalled that incident, I want that the Government must come forward with a statement. I want to tell this House that an Indian M.P., illegally had met Prabhakaran who was charged as the cause for the assassination of Rajiv Gandhi. A clear statement should be taken from the Indian M.P., who is still now an M.P., and it is the duty of that Indian M.P., to tell the House and the country as to what was the conversation that he had with Prabhakaran after his illegal meeting with him. Since his party is an important party in the Indian history it is his national duty (*Interruptions*). He has illegally met Prabhakaran, who was the cause for Rajiv Gandhi's assassination. I do not want to mention the name of the M.P. (*Interruptions*)

ME. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Shri Janarthanan, please do not use the names of the persons who cannot defend themselves here.

SHRI M R KADAMBUR JANARTHANAN Prabhakaran was the main cause for Rajiv Gandhi's assassination and the Commission has decided that

SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL Sir, he has mentioned only the name of Prabhakaran

SHRI DEPUTY SPEAKER I am expunging that thing

SHRI M R KADAMBUR JANARTHANAN I did not mention anybody s name Prabhakaran was the cause for the assassination of Rajiv Gandhi and it has been mentioned in the papers It has come out

MR DEPUTY SPEAKER ShriJanarthanan whatever may be your intentions but please do not use the name of a person who cannot defend himself

SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL Sir he has mentioned the name of Prabhakaran, who is the leader of LTTE

MR DEPUTY SPEAKER No I have expunged it

SHIR PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL Sir he was only saying that one of our M Ps had met Prabhakaran illegally and the Government should inquire into it and the House should know about it (*Interruptions*)

MR DEPUTY SPEAKER All right then it will be on record

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM) Sir, I may submit that he has not named any person other than what has come out in the papers According to him, Prabhakaran was the person who had arranged and who was the accused in the matter of assassination of Rajiv Gandhi And I do not think that that would really amount to naming a person who cannot defend himself So, that may please be permitted

MR DEPUTY SPEAKER That is all right Now Shri Thomas, have you got something to say?

SHRI P C THOMAS (Muvattupuzha) Sir it is really a disturbing thing that the investigation has not revealed so many facts Though we hear from so many quarters and from the investigation also, many persons who were involved or many institutions which were involved some way or the other have not been drought to books so far Also it is really disturbing that the news which has appeared had mentioned that a potion of the video casette which shows the important part of the incident has been erased If that is so it was really a disturbing thing and we cannot simply sit here without being known to this House w ether it is real and what has happend to it at the earliest So I would suggest that the Government should come out with a statement with regard to all these aspects including the very disturbing fact that a very senior persons who is in politics in India had gone to Shri Lanka to meet the LTTE supremo and that he had met him before the incident And this incident had got something to do with it It is a very serious incident on which an immediate statement should come from the Government

[*Translation*]

SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES (Muzzafarpur) (*Interruptions*) Mr Deputy Speaker, Sir no Member of Parliament of any political party has been named Seven to eight months have passed since this incident took place They have appointed two Judicial Commissions and S I T is there You are carrying out all the investigations Members after Members are pointing out that a Member of Parliament had gone and met Prabhakaran, the link between him and the assassination is well known but it is being as insinution and innuendo The hon Minister says that he does not think that that would

really amount to naming to a person so that may be permitted They have got all the nghts

[*English*]

The needle of suspicion ultimately has to go somewhere It will have to ultimately go to those who are in charge of the investiga tion

[*Translation*]

You have got full right to get it investi gated You are attempting to create suspi cion against other people

[*English*]

You have no business to do it You have the whole State machinery in your hands (*Interruptions*)

[*Translation*]

SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN (Rosera) If the Government is unable to get it investi gated properly then it should resign

[*English*]

MR DEPUTY SPEAKER I wish to bring to your notice that there are twenty persons who have come to the office before 10 o clock and given a notice in the office The office has listed their names We have got only forty minutes at our disposal before one o clock According to the list I call out the names of persons so that they may take one minute In the absence of it those who take the pain of coming to the office before 10 o clock get their names listed inspite of their painstaking their names cannot be called in this House if we are to adopt the procedure that we have set today

(*Interruptions*)

MR DEPUTY SPEAKER It is true that the issue is important Important Members have ventilated their grievances They have brought the matter to the notice of the Gov ernment So, as regards other issues let us follow certain principles and procedure We shall have to follow certain rules It is not that as and when anybody raises his hand he should be called and others cannot get a chance Those who have been betowed with a very good voice they can only attract the attention of the Chair in that case and those who have been bestowed with feeble voice they cannot be heard This injustice is there So some system is being evolved That system is you are all requested to go to the office give the notice before 10 o clock According to the time the list is made avail able here Today there are 21 persons who have given the names Within one o clock we can call out the names of as many Members as possible One by one they should quickly tell what they feel and they should also accommodate the subsequent speaker (*Interruptions*)

MR DEPUTY SPEAKER Discretion amounts to injustice It is impossible One may be having a vital and important matter to be ventilated on the floor of the House and another may get a chance on an issue which may not be of very great importance There fore the office has recognised them and they have made a list I think we shall have to go by that

SHRI LAL K ADVANI Mr Deputy Speaker you are right that the list should be attended to But there are issues as for example the issue that has been raised today on which I would expect the Govern ment to respond or at least to assure that House that they would come forth after dis cussing it with the Home Minister At the moment it is the Minister of State for Parlia mentary Affairs who can respond

SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMAN GALAM I was waiting to be identified I am obliged The assassination of Shri Rajiv Gandhi has been one of those horrendous events which has shaken this nation to its very core Whenever leaders of the world are assassinated the process of investigation is often under attack We are aware that there are two Commissions of Inquiry going into

the matter Papers are coming out – it is a fact – with various versions some saying that this evidence has been destroyed, some saying that this witness has committed suicide and some saying something else But the issue that really arises is that if the Government, during the pendency of these two Inquiry Commissions starts coming out with what the Investigation Team – the Special Investigation Team that is looking into it – is presenting before the Commission I do not know whether it would really help the Commission in coming out with its real full version and bringing out – what they consider after having all the information at their disposal – as to what happened in the event There is a possibility Sir and it is expected also in such cases of assassination that an attempt will be made to cast a slur on the investigation

I am not necessarily saying that every thing that the Investigation Team is doing is correct or not correct It is also for the Commission to say But there will be an attempt to try and cloud the investigation, try and confuse the atmosphere and try and ensure that the real criminals are not brought to book and the real story does not come out This is an attempt that would be there and the usual procedures will be used However since the Opposition seems to unitedly come to the view that they would like to have a statement from the Government I would find out from the Home Minister as to how much we can really say

But I am sure the House would agree with me that there are limitations at the moment for the Government to come out with everything because it would hamper the inquiry To the extent we can clear the air we would like to clear the air and we would not like to hamper the inquiry and I would request the Members (*Interruptions*) I am sorry, this is too serious (*Interruptions*) I do not think it is fair I am not refusing it I said that I would bring it to the notice of the Home Minister and I said that the Government would come forward (*Interruptions*) But I would plead with you This is very serious and I plead with you not to allow a campaign that may be carried out and will be carried out, to try and cast a slur on the investigating authorities because that will only achieve the objective of not allowing the truth to come out (*Interruptions*) Let anybody not do that (*Interruptions*) I am not saying anybody is doing that (*Interruptions*) I would request the Opposition who I am sure is as much shaken as we are over the horrendous assassination that took place that we all should jointly do it and the Government is determined (*Interruptions*)

[*Translation*]

Khuranaji when I am speaking this is not the way you should behave

SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA (South Delhi) The Congress M Ps neither go before the commission nor extend thir co-operation to it in investigation I allege that the Congress M Ps (*Interruptions*)

[*English*]

SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMAN GALAM I am sorry Sir This is not the way in which the House should run (*Interruptions*) This is not the way (*Interruptions*)

SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA **

(*Interruptions*)

SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMAN GALAM Mr Deputy Speaker Sir I seek your protection because the Members try to shout

(*Interruptions*)

MR DEPUTY SPEAKER Please resume your seats (*Interruptions*) This leads us to nowhere

(*Interruptions*)

**Expunged as ordered by the Chair

[*Translation*]

SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA: The Congress M.Ps are not appearing before the Commission.

[*English*]

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Let us not turn this into a school room. This is not a classroom. One need not teach others how to speak. I will expunge that.

(*Interruptions*)

MR SPEAKER: Nothing goes on record

(*Interruptions*) *

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: If two persons speak simultaneously, you need not take down anything.

SHRI SAIFUDDIN CHOUDHURY: You don't have to tell this.(*Interruptions*)

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: They cannot take it down also.

(*Interruptions*)

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER. This is a matter on which you are all very much agitated. During zero hour, I think we may not get sufficient information. There is a relevant provision in the rules. If you feel agitated you can bring this matter under the relevant rule so that the Government is very much compelled to be under an obligation to answer it.

(*Interruptions*)

MR DEPEUTY SPEAKER. This matter is over. Now we shall proceed.

(*Interruptions*)

MR. DEPEUTY SPEAKER: Twenty-one persons have given the names.

(*Interruptions*)

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon. Members are coming and giving their names. It does not read. Once again they have approached the office. So, I shall call as per the list prepared.

(*Interruptions*)

SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM: Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir I am fond of and I respect my dear friend Mr. Khurana. We worked together on the trade union front often. But I would only make a request to him that the matter which we are all addressing is of a serious nature. I would request that I be heard out. The point which I am making is that the Government has nothing to hide. We are totally committed to ensure that a very fair and a very strict investigation does take place in the matter.

SHRI SRIKANTA JENA (Cuttack): What about the progress?

SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM: The progress in the investigation if I may submit, is that it is being placed before the two Commissions of Inquiry.

If you want to know the exact details of progress I would request the Home Minister and the Government will come back to the House. We are making it very clear that while the Government will come back to the House we will give all facts before you. But we plead with you that you join us to ensure that the atmosphere is not allowed to be clouded.(*Interruptions*)

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: This subject is over.

(*Interruptions*)

SHRI HARADHAN ROY (Asansol): For the last two days I have been trying but I have

*Not recorded.

not been given an opportunity (*Interruptions*)

MR DEPUTY SPEAKER That is the difficulty That is why I appeal to hon Members

(*Interruptions*)

MR DEPUTY SPEAKER We shall have to follow certain rules Now I call Mr V Dhananjaya Kumar

(*Interruptions*)

[*Translation*]

SHRI HARADHAN ROY We should also be given opportunity we have also given notices (*Interruptions*)

[*English*]

MR DEPUTY SPEAKER The names of all those people who have given their names have been listed here I shall call them as per the list

(*Interruptions*)

MR DEPUTY SPEAKER All those Hon Members, who have given the notices in the office before 10 o'clock have been listed

(*Interruptions*)

Suppose I have to read all the 21 it takes 21 minutes Let us save some time

(*Interruptions*)

MR DEPUTY SPEAKER Mr Balayogi kindly have your seat

(*Interruptions*)

SHRI V DHANANJAYA KUMAR (Mangalore) Sir I wish to bring to the notice of this august House and draw the attention of the Government to the disturbing political developments that have taken place in Karnataka According to me, a serious constitutional crisis has developed in Karnataka On the 3rd of this month the budget was to be presented before the legislature (*Interruptions*) An allegation has been made (*Interruptions*)

Sir, never in the history of parliamentary democracy had a Member of the ruling party raised objection in the presentation of the Budget on the ground that the subject matter of the Budget had leaked out Now I am not concerned about that

MR DEPUTY SPEAKER Then what is your concern?

SHRI V DHANANJAYA KUMAR My concern is after the presentation of the Budget, since 3rd March both the Houses of the Karnataka Legislature are not functioning properly Under Article 356 of the Constitution it is one of the obligatory functions and duties cast on an elected Government to see that proper functioning of the Legislature is also carried out Now the entire Opposition has boycotted the Legislatures (*Interruptions*) A majority of the Members belonging to the ruling party have also expressed loss of confidence in the Chief Minister I would like to know from the Government whether they have received any report from the Governor about the political development in Karnataka The Chief Minister has lost the confidence of the Opposition and the Members of the ruling party and thereby he has lost the confidence of the people of Karnataka also (*Interruptions*)

I would like to know whether any report has been submitted by the Governor or whether the President would intervene in the matter (*Interruptions*) the hon Minister is present here should enlighten the House, Sir (*Interruptions*)

SHRI E AHAMED Sir I am on a point of order State issues should not be raised here

MR DEPUTY SPEAKER It is not a point of order

(*Interruptions*)

SHRI G M C BALAYOGI (Amalapuram) Mr Deputy Speaker Sir in Rapaka village in Tuni of East Godavari District of Andhra Pradesh about 370 families belonging to Harijans and landless poor were affected by fire accident on 3rd March 1992 Many of these people lost their belongings and are homeless These people not only lost their homes but also their household belongings and are now in panic condition To help these fire victims I request the honourable Prime Minister to extend suitable help to them so that these helpless victims can be rehabilitated at the earliest (*Interruptions*)

MR DEPUTY SPEAKR Shri Guman Mal Lodha

(*Interruptions*)

[*Translation*]

SHRI GUMAN MAL LODHA (Pali) Mr Deputy Speaker, Sir through you I would like to draw the attention of the House and the Hon Prime Minister towards Rajasthan where most of the districts are suffering from drought and famine Yesterday the Hon Prime Minister said that the Government was selling rice at a cheap rate through the Public Distribution System But Mr Deputy Speaker, Sir the factual position is that we are being provided only 75000 Kgs of rice whereas we require 439 lakh metric tonnes of rice so that we may provide rice at the rate of 10 kgs per head The quota of rice and sugar has also been curtailed

Sir through you I would like to request the Government that it should make arrangements to enable us to supply rice at the rate of 10 kgs per person in Rajasthan Full supply may be made to the Government of Rajasthan for the purpose and prescribed quota of wheat rice and levy sugar should also be made available to Rajasthan Government There is always a crowd before the ration shops People don't get rice The Chief Minister of Rajasthan has made a written request to the Hon Prime Minister to increase the ration quota I urge upon the Government to supply the required quota to Rajasthan immediately (*Interruptions*)

[*English*]

DR RAJAGOPALAN SRIDHARAN Sir I have got a very important matter to raise But you are not listening Kindly allow me to speak Sir You are asking everybody in the Opposition to speak (*Interruptions*)

MR DEPUTY SPEAKER It is really impossible to give you time

DR RAJAGOPALAN SRIDHARAN No Sir You must give us time (*Interruptions*)

MR DEPUTY SPEAKER Only if your name is there in the list, you will be called Shri Suraj Mandal

(*Interruptions*)

MR DEPUTY SPEAKER Mr Sridharan please sit down I have been repeatedly saying that you should speak only when your chance comes

DR RAJAGOPALAN SRIDHARAN Sir, I am just requesting you to give my leader a few minutes time and nothing more than that You have given a chance to all these people The matter that we want to raise is very important for the country

MR DEPUTY SPEAKER The hon Members are supposed to give a notice in the office at 10 o clock I your name is there it will definitely be called Why are you necessarily agitated?

DR RAJAGOPALAN SRIDHARAN We have given notice Sir

MR DEPUTY SPEAKER His name is eleventh in the list He will be called Why are you unnecessarily agitated? In this process whole of our time is wasted and the chance to ventilate very important issues is lost This will not serve our purpose at all Please sit down

(*Interruptions*)

[*Translation*]

SHR SURAJ MANDAL (Godda)· Mr Deputy Speaker Sir I would like to draw the attention of the Government of India towards a serious problem If the Government does not pay heed to it, the Government may face disaster The economic base of Delhi may also weaken We have raised the issue of Jharkhand State many a times The only purpose of my coming as well as of my party here is to get the matter solved by the Gov ernment of India If the Government is unable to do so we will prefer to go back to the jungles

On the last 2nd December, the Government had assured us to convene a meeting of the Chief Ministers Instead of it a meeting of two Home Secretaries was convened on 22th January Then the Chief Ministers of West Bengal and Bihar came here but noting was discussed about the problem I would like to ask the Government as to why it did not take decision when the Chief Ministers of West Bengal and Bihar had come here We are going to observe a complete 'Jharkhand Bundh on the 21st instant under the banner of Jharkhand Mukti Morcha and we will not allow any supply of coal, iron, mineral resources to be lifted from there, we will stop the power houses also Today the Government of India wants to compel the Jharkhand people to take up A K 47 in their hands like the terrorists of Kashmir, Assam, Punjab It would be more dangerous than Punjab and Kashmir if the people of tribal areas take to arms In that case the Government can't control them with the help of police and C R P F

I would like to reiterate that after 15th instant we will not hold any discussion with the Government The Government should take initiative before 15th instant and resolve the problem

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C K JAFFER SHARIEF) It may be discussed after the session is over

SHRI SURAJ MANDAL Don't try to evade the issue Come straight to the point Otherwise we will have to adopt some others ways

SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI (Kota) Mr Speaker Sir, on the one side we have to import edible oils but on the other the support price of mustard in Rajasthan has not been announced so far It is unfortunate that the support price has not been announced till now though the present Minister of Agriculture belongs to Rajasthan Today he is not in a position to procure mustard from the farmers Day before yesterday there was no purchase of mustard in the markets of Kota district and the 16000 bags of mustard were lying unsold Owing to it the rate of mustard has come down to Rs 500/- per quintal The Minister of Agriculture should clarify it and announce as to when the support price of mustard for Rajasthan will be announced The Government should also declare as to when it is going to procure it so that the farmers are saved from suffering heavy losses The atmosphere of growing more oilseeds is over Through you I would like to urge upon the Minister of Agriculture to announce the support price of mustard at earliest

[*English*]

MR DEPUTY SPEAKER When you get a chance to speak you should remember that there are others also who want to participate in the debate

[*Translation*]

It must be kept in mind

(*Interruptions*)

SHRI HARADHAN ROY (Asansol) We have also given notice Why are we not called?

[*English*]

MR DEPUTY SPEAKER I call Members to speak according to the list already prepared

SHRI P.G NARAYANAN (Gobichettipalayam) Mr Deputy Speaker, Sir, I would like to raise a very important matter of national importance The Tamil Nadu Government is finding it very difficult to maintain the law and order in the State Centre must come forward to make things easier for the State Government to maintain law and order by banning LTTE immediately

With the financial backing of LTTE many front organisations have sprung up in Tamil Nadu They are involved in seditious and inflamatory secessionists movement speeches They openly glorify Prabhakaran and even Sivarajan involved in Padmanabha and Shri Rajiv Gandhi murder cases Prabhakaran has been proclaimed as an offender in Shri Rajiv Gandhi s case by STT The Central Government should have banned LTTE by a proclamation

Despite repeated requests by the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu after his assuming office during the past 8 months it is a mystery as to why the Central Government has not still moved to ban LTTE Under the guise of promoting unity of Tamils several conferences and meetings are organised through the political wings of LTTE where the very sovereignty and integrity of India is threatened The speakers at these meetings openly denounce the Central and State Government and glorify Prabhakaran treating him as a sole saviour of Tamil They reputedly declare that Tamil Nadu should secede from Indian Union and should become an independent country This is a very serious matter This kind of anti-national activity should be nipped in the bud (*Interruptions*)

MR DEPUTY SPEAKER Yes every thing is very important

SHRI P G NARAYANAN When the State Government and the police refused permission to these meetings and arrested the concerned persons, there was a hue and cry among the Opposition whose main argument is that why should it be considered as a crime to support LTTE when it has not been banned in India So .

MR DEPUTY SPEAKER Nothing will go on record It is all over You have already taken more than five minutes

(*Interruptions*)*

SHRIP G NARAYANAN The speeches at the meeting

MR DEPUTY SPEAKER It will not go on record

(*Interruptions*)*

MR DEPUTY SPEAKER Yes Shrimati Bassavarajeswari

SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESWARI (Bellary) Sir the Government s programme of electrification of water pumpsets is in jeopardy with the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) and commercial banks planning to discontinue their support to it The bulk of the pumpset energisation in the past had been financed equally by NABARD, commercial banks and Rural Electrification Corporation under a programme called Special Project Agriculture In a document the Power Ministry mentioned that NABARD and banks have reduced their participation in the programme and have indicated their intention of completely withdrawing their support This has seriously affected the energisation of pumpsets It has an important fearing on the agricultural production

The joint efforts of Power Ministry, Planning Commission and the Rural Electrification Corporation to secure continued support of NABARD and banks have not succeeded so far .

Pumpset energisation is a major component of rural electrification programme Hence, I would request the Government to immediately look into it and see that NABARD and the commercial banks give support to energisation of pumpsets

*Not recorded

SHRI P G NARAYANAN (Gobichettipalayam) Sir there must be a reaction from the Government for banning LTTE We want a reaction from the Government side

SHRI HARADHAN ROY Sir, on the 29th February, 1992 at about 8 30 pm armed CISF jawans entered Sinidih village Dhanbad district of Bihar and let loose a reign of terror They fired on the harijans of the village in which six harijan and two backwards got senous injury Among the six harijans who were injured there were two women The reason behind the firing is that one jeep driver of CISF was rebuked by the villagers for an accident The CISF jawans rushed from their barracks which is two kilometres away from Sinidih village and fired at them The villagers in protest called a bandh in Bagmara area and jammed the factory gate of Hindustan Zinc Tundi where CISF jawans are working

I demand immediate arrest of CISF jawans responsible for the untoward incident and adequate compensation to the victims

SHRI P G NARAYANAN Sir, we want a reaction from the Government s side on the issue of LTTE

MR DEPUTY SPEAKER He is reacting secretly! Do not worry He will respond to your request

SHRI B N REDDY (Miryalguda) Mr Deputy Speaker Sir while not letting up on the nuclear non-proliferation issue and on the question of intellectual property rights the United States is now seeking to put India under pressure on Kashmir

This became clear three weeks ago when the Pakistan-based JKLF Chief, Mr Amanullah Khan, enacted the drama of attempting to cross the Line of Actual Control into the Kashmir valley When India alerted, the five big powers including the US on the dangerous consequences inherent in Mr Khan s plans at which Pakistan was thought to be conniving these powers advised Islamabad to restrain the JKLF Leader lest any recklessness on his part should lead to a border conflagration

The U S while asking Islamabad to check Mr Khans's march is also understood to have directly asked India at about the same time to begin tho so called substantive negotiations with Pakistan on Kashmir This has caused complete surprise, particularly so, when our Government sems to have kept mum As it tantamounts to interference in our internal affairs, I hope our Government would definitely deplore such pressuros as exerted by the United States of America

SHRI P G NARAYANAN We want a response from the Government on the issue of LTTE

SHRI ANNA JOSHI (Pune) Sir now we cannot to back

MR DEPUTY SPEAKER The hon Minister will definitely respond to your request Now, Uma Bharati You please complete it within two minutes You make it short

KUMARI UMA BHARATI (Khajuraho) Okay I will make it short (*Interruptions*)

[*Translation*]

Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, the post of Director Central Agriculture Engineering Institute, Bhopal, the annual budget of which runs into Rs 5 crore, is lying vacant Though the interview for the above most had been held in the month of August yet no appointment has been made so far due to political reasons As a result thereof 36 scientists of the Institute are wandering around Central Administrative Tribunal Due to these irregularities bungling of crores of rupees is going on in the above Institute

Mr Deputy Speaker, Sir I urge upon the Government to appoint immediately the person who has been selected in the interview held in the month of August, as Director

of one Central Agriculture Engineering Institute, Bhopal and an enquiry may be conducted into the irregularities

[*English*]

SHRI ANNA JOSHI (Pune) The uneven rainfall with long dry spell and heavy rains in various parts of Maharashtra during Khanf 1991–92 and also in Rabi 1991–92 had adverse effects on Kharif as well as Rabi crops It was observed from the provisional paisewan taken from time to time that paisewari of many villages is 50 paise or below The Government of Maharashtra on 14th January, 1992 took a decision to declare scarcity in the 29,270 villages

The Government of Maharshtra has taken a decision to fight with the prevailing scarcity conditions on four fronts

MR DEPUTY SPEAKER Please be brief

SHRI ANNA JOSHI The expenditure to the tune of Rs 522 09 crores is being incurred by 31st March, 1992 and additional amount of Rs 21 crores will be required for the period till June, 1992

I request the Central Government to depute a team of experts to survey the conditions and expedite the help from Centre to Maharashtra State

[*Translation*]

SHRI NAWAL KISHRE RAI (Sitamarhi) Sir, I hail from Bihar State and it stands second amongst the most populated States The people have to go to the High Court in Patna and Ranchi during seasonal vacation A large number of cases are lying pending in the courts and the poor are not getting justice The Minister of Law, Justice and Company Affairs is present here Sir, in his presence, I would like to urge upon the Government of India to set up a bench of High Court in Muzaffarpur in North–Bihar, keeping in view the population of Bihar and large number of cases pending there in courts

[*English*]

SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA (Madhubani) I thank you for the orderly way in which you are conducting the proceedings of the Zero Hour Every one is a vocal leader and every one can clamour So, they should not provoke others and clamour, they should help the Chair and cooperate with others I am telling every one here

MR DEPUTY SPEAKER Thank you You are very right It is a good advice

SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA Today, thousands of employees of All India Gramin Bank Employees' Association are sitting on *dharna* at the Parliament Street, New Delhi

On 1st September, 1987, the Supreme Court gave a verdict and then a National Industrial Tribunal was appointed headed by a Judge of the Supreme Court That Tribunal gave its verdict Now, they are sitting on *dharna* for the implementation of the verdict

If the Government does not pay any heed to their demand, then on 27th March, 1992, 17,000 employees of the Regional Rural Banks are going on one–day strike, and thereafter, it will be a continuous strike So, the whole rural India will be disturbed Hence, I submit that they should implement the Award

In case the Government feel that there is a fear of inflation if they get their arrears, then I submit, on my own behalf, that let their arrears be deposited in fixed deposits so that there is no fear of any inflation

Through you, I request the Finance Minister to meet their delegation and listen to their demand so that this strike can be averted

[*Translation*]

SHRI RATILAL VARMA (Dhanduka)

Mr Deputy Speaker, Sir, a number of accidents take place on the National Highways and State Highways Recently, there was an accident near Valipur taluk of Bhavnagar district in Gujarat Eighteen people died and fifty others were injured in the incident Due to this accident several workers have lost their lives there I would like to request the Government that suitable compensation should be paid to the next of the kin of people who fall victims of such accidents and die A scheme should be formulated so that orphans could get some support

Sir I would like to state that the main reasons behind these accidents is cancellation of Ahmedabad–Botad local train and Ahmedabad–Bhavnagar inter city train service This is the reason that 68 passengers were travelling in a bus which had a capacity of only 50 passengers It is, therefore necessary that attention should be paid to formulate a scheme for paying proper compensation to the dependents of the deceased

SHRI SYED SHAHBUDDIN (Kishanganj) Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, perhaps you know that last year a severe earthquake rocked Uttar Pradesh and it caused wide spread destruction Now the question is how to provide them relief This question does not concern Uttar Pradesh or the Government of Uttar Pradesh alone but concerns the whole country I am distressed say that even today people from sixty villages are sitting on *dharna* but no relief has been provided to them so far I would like to know as to how much assistance was demanded by the Uttar Pradesh Government and how much has been paid to them Through you, I would like to say that a scheme to provide relief to earthquake victims for their rehabilitation and for enabling them to face the onslaught of ensuing rain should be prepared so that their lives could be saved The quantum of aid as demanded by them should be provided immediately

SHRI RAJENDRA KUMAR SHARMA(Rampur) Mr Deputy Speaker, Sir, I come from Uttar Pradesh and I would like to inform that Uttar Pradesh Government has asked for huge funds from the Central Government which have not so far been provided to them

SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN Mr Deputy Speaker, Sir, the whole country should know as to what was the demand of the Uttar Pradesh Government from the Central Government and how much aid has been provided by the Central Government to them If that aid is too meagre, what are the reasons therefor ?

[*English*]

SHRI AMAR ROYPRADHAN (Cooch Bihar) The Central Government s decision to bestow Bharat Ratna to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose posthumously has raised vehement protests from different parts of the country as also from his family members and relatives

It is a matter of great surprise and deep shock to use the word posthumously in case of Netaji Subhas when the Government and people do not know anything after the leader's mysterious disappearance and moreover when Shrimati Indira Gandhi's Government and Morarji Desai's Government had dismissed the findings of the two successive Commissions namely Col Shahanawaj Commission and Justice Khosla Commission to probe Netaji's disappearance

Awarding Bharat Ratana to Netaji after 44 years of Independence amounts to showing him disrespect and lowering his stature in the estimation of Indian people

The Nation will never forget the Netaji s crucial role in our freedom struggle The great revolutionary Netaji Subhas is the leader of the leaders His patriotism is an inspiration to the youth of our country

There have been differences of opinion on whether Mahatma Gandhi s part in India winning its freedom is greater than that of Netaji or not Without going to this academic exercise, there should have been no dispute

about the fact that both in their very different ways, made the two highest contributions in our struggle for Independence It is of no use to bestow Bharat Ratna today to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and tomorrow to Mahatma Gandhi

I hope the Government will withdraw its decision to bestow Bharat Ratna to Netaji posthumously

[*Translation*]

SHRI RAJENDRA KUMAR SHARMA (Rampur) Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, with the closure of Raza Textile Mills in Rampur district for last 6 months, 4000 workers of the said mill are facing starvation The Central Government has stopped taking over sick mills now-a-days The Government should take a decision about the mills which have reached such a stage due to mismanagement so that lives of 4000 workers could be saved Through you, I would like to inform the Government that though 100 workers of the mill have since retired, they have not so far been paid their provident fund money Arrangements should be made to pay them this amount through banks The financial condition of the Uttar Pradesh Government is not good enough to enable it to pay such a huge amount to the employees The Government should take suitable measures in respect of all the sick mills so that assistance could be provided to them for their rehabilitation

SHRI ARVIND TRIVEDI (Sabarkantha) Mr Deputy Speaker, Sir, in Gujarat, the teachers are on strike while the examinations for secondary and senior secondary classes are on The State Government is not intervening in the matter I request the Central Government to intervene and ask the teachers to call off their strike

SHRI SYED MASUDAL HOSSAIN (Murshidabad) Mr Deputy Speaker, Sir, the hon Minister of Food is present in the House Through you, I would like to tell him that wheat is out of stock in West Bengal for last 6 months The Public Distribution System has become totally non-functional I demand that wheat should be supplied there at the earliest

SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH (Jahanabad) Mr Deputy Speaker, Sir, through you I want to tell the Central Government that Bihar is a backward State My constituency Jahanabad has been declared a sensitive area Politics of murder is growing rapidly there Dalits and poor youngmen are joining the ranks of extremist orgamsations openly There is no arrangement for primary education in hundreds of villages having population of 500 to 1000 in my constituency Due to this extremism is spreading rapidly in the area

I demand from the Central Government that additional funds be provided to the State to accomplish this task and weaken the extremist forces

[*English*]

SHRI P G NARAYANAN Sir I request the Government to respond to the point raised by me earlier

SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM Mr Deputy Speaker, Sir, the hon Member Mr P G Narayanan was saying that the Government of Tamil Nadu has demanded that the LTTE be banned For the first time I am hearing of it Maybe they may have sent a letter earlier If they have not, a communication would help We do appreciate their sentiments (*Interruptions*)

SHRI P G NARAYANAN Our Chief Minister made a special request to the Government long time back (*Interruptions*)

SHRI P C THOMAS (Muvattupuzha) When the LTTE supremo is doubted in the other case, nothing else is needed to ban them (*Interruptions*)

SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM I am aware of the fact that – it is true

– in the name of what is called Tamil Unity and Tamil International Movement', in Tamil Nadu there are forces which are saying *zindabad* to Prabhakaran, etc and the killers of Shri Rajiv And in fact two people were identified as persons who were responsible for the assassination of Shri Rajiv Gandhi and they are no more Even their names have been said and they being said long live etc But the fact is that it is very serious matter I will bring this to the notice of the Home Minister Certainly he would respond

MR DEPUTY SPEAKER Mr Narayanan you have won your case Now Papers to be laid on the Table

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PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Notification under Food Corporation Act, 1964 etc

[*English*]

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI) I beg to lay on the Table —

(1) A copy each of the following Notifications (Hindi and English versions) under sub–section (5) of section 45 of the Food Corporations Act 1964 –

(i) The Food Corporation of India (Staff) (Third Amendment) Regulations 1991 published in Notification No E P 4(2)/84 in Gazette of India dated the 29th November, 1991

(ii) The Food Corporation of India (Staff) (Fourth Amendment) Regulations, 1991 published in Notification No E P 17–11/90 in Gazette of India dated the 18th December 1991 [Placed in Library *See* No LT–1498/92]

(2) A copy each of the following Notifications (Hindi and English versions) under sub–section (6) of section 3 of the Essential Commodities Act 1955 –

(i) G S R 735(E) published in Gazette of India dated the 13th December 1991 rescinding the Sugar (Restriction on Movement) Order 1979

(ii) The Sugar (Price Determination for 1991 92 production) Amendment Order 1992 published in Notification No G S R 53(E) in Gazette of India dated the 21st January 1992 [Placed in Library *See* No LT 1499/92]

(3) A copy of the Memorandum of Understanding for the year 1991–92 between the Central Warehousing Corporation and the Ministry of Food (Hindi and English versions) [Placed in Library *See* No LT–1500/92]

Annual Report Annual Accounts together with Audited Report and Review on the working of Dr B Barooah Cancer Institute Guwahati for 1989–90 etc

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D K THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA) I beg to lay on the Table—

(1) (i) A copy of the Annual Report (Hindi and English versions) of the Dr B Barooah Cancer Institute Guwahati for the year 1989 90

(ii) A copy of the Annual Accounts (Hindi and English